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We. DAVID C. WARD, PENNINA R. LANGER, AND ALEXANDER A. WALDROP, III, declare that we are respectively citizens of Canada, the United States and the United States, residing at 40 Peddlers Road, Guilford, Connecticut 06437, 57 College Road, Monsey, New York 10952; Normal 2663 D Hydraulic Road, Charlottesville, Virginia 22901, respectively;

that we have read the specification entitled: MODIFIED NUCLEOTIDES AND METHODS

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We further declare that we acknowledge our duty to disclose information of which we are aware which is material to the examination of this application.

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